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Describe your child, including his or her age and special needs:

Age: _____

Special Needs: _____

Describe how you will use the skills learned at this workshop:

Where did you hear about this workshop?

**Return Application by
May 26, 2009**



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to:**

Iowa Department of Education

Attention: Beth Buehler
Grimes State Office Building
400 E. 14th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146

or

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Beth.Buehler@iowa.gov
515/281-7143

??? Questions ???

If you have any questions regarding the application and/or the workshop, feel free to contact:

Deb Samson at 515/242-5295

(e-mail: deb.samson@iowa.gov)

or

Paula Connolly at 515/223-6714

(e-mail: info@askresource.org)

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education, Parent-Educator Connection, Early ACCESS, Family Voices, the Parent Training and Information Center of Iowa, and the College of Human Sciences, Iowa State University.

Parents *as* Presenters Workshop



September 25-26, 2009

Country Inns and Suites

1350 NW 118th Street
Clive*, Iowa

(*A suburb of Des Moines)

You are invited to participate in “Parents as Presenters.” This 2-day workshop will teach you the skills you need to effectively share your story with college students and community professionals. There will be no cost for attending the workshop. Applicants selected to participate in “Parents as Presenters” will receive a stipend in the amount of \$325 to assist with childcare, hotel, and travel expenses. Each couple will receive one stipend.

Telling Your Story

Participants will:

1. Understand the multiple purposes of being able to tell their family story to an audience in a positive way;
2. Understand presentation strategies and will formulate creative ideas for their personal presentation;
3. Demonstrate and receive feedback from other participants as they present a sample “Telling Their Story” presentation;
4. Develop a network among themselves to support “Telling Your Story” around the state.

Did you know when college students hear directly from families, they become better teachers, social workers and health professionals?

Your Story is Important

To promote sensitivity and awareness:

1. Your story is a way to let current and future service providers know how they can be sensitive to families;
2. Most service providers have little or no opportunity to interact with families of children with disabilities before they begin working in the field. Your story will contribute to their education and preparation to work with families and to include children with disabilities with other children.

To educate about family-centered services:

1. Children with disabilities are a part of a family. As you speak about your family, they will see that you focus on other family members, as well as your child with disabilities;
2. Service providers will understand that their own expertise is enhanced when they consider the family as a valuable resource.

To show your audience that kids are kids:

1. Children with disabilities are kids first, and have the same hopes and dreams as other children;
2. Children with disabilities need opportunities to be with other children in natural community settings.

“Parents as Presenters” Workshop Application September 25-26, 2009

The following information will be used to select the participants! Please complete the entire form!

Name: _____

AEA/Region (if known): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

**Participation will be limited to 40 family members throughout the state.
Applications must be received by
May 26, 2009.**

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